



Criteria for State grants to local PDR Programs

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Issues for State grants to local PACE programs

1. State vs. local priorities
2. Level of local financial contribution or commitment
3. Specificity of project acquisition requirements
4. Specificity of project acquisition decision involvement
5. Assurance of competent, well-run local programs
6. Allowances to encourage new or under-funded local programs
7. Will the criteria be used for selection of grantees or simply to determine eligibility?

Some possible statutory criteria:

- A plan integrated with local Comp. Plan
- A local ordinance in place
- A method to establish a price at actual market
- Cost-effectiveness is considered
- Effective evaluation, acquisition, monitoring & enforcement procedures
- Clear acquisition priorities
- Inclusion of key elements (next slide)
- Includes other help for agriculture (next slide)

Some statutory criteria: Which farms?

“Demonstrated that it will protect lands from development that, by reason of parcel size, soil quality, access to markets, history of agricultural uses, current and anticipated uses, agricultural infrastructure, proximity to other agricultural or protected lands, or other factors, are likely to remain in economically viable agriculture over the long-term”

Some statutory criteria: Other support for agriculture

“Demonstrated commitment, through appropriation of local funding or through other means or measures supporting agriculture, to the long-term preservation of economically viable agriculture in the local community”

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